

The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

DOMESTIC.

A SMALL B is said to be discernible on the Columbian half dollar by the aid of a magnifying glass near the side of the letter b in the word "Columbian."

In England, France, Germany and Belgium the number of births per thousand of population is steadily falling. The rate of decrease is slower in some of these countries, but it is marked in all.

The supreme court of Massachusetts has decided that a man who rides on the front platform of an electric car does so at his own risk, and that those whom he leaves behind him, if killed, can not recover damages.

ONE of the new army captains just appointed by President Harrison fought in the civil war, and had been a first lieutenant since 1870. Another had been first lieutenant since 1875. The American army is the worst in the world for promotion.

A quill penmaker says that no pen will do as fine writing as the crow quill. It requires the assistance of a microscope to make a proper pen out of such a quill, but when made it is of wonderful delicacy. The microscopic writing told of in books of literary curiosities was all done with a crow quill.

JOHN A. MORRIS, the Louisiana lottery king, has one of the finest country estates in America in Tangipahoa parish, La. It embraces six hundred acres of good land, in which are preserved hundreds of deer and bear, and numberless covets of game birds, while the four lakes on the place are black with mallard duck.

The bronze statue of ex-President Chester A. Arthur by Ephraim Keyser, which has been in course of execution for the last four months, is now completed and on exhibition in New York. The height of the statue is nine feet two inches and the weight 1,800 pounds. It has been cast in one piece with the exception of the plinth.

DR. CORNELIUS HERZ, who figures conspicuously in the Panama scandal, lives at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, and is a naturalized American. He has had a finger in many a political pie in Paris, and in some of his business deals he has had the confidence and assistance of M. de Freycinet and other Frenchmen quite as distinguished.

The popular idea that water is purified by freezing has been disproved by recent careful experiments, which show that the average amount of impurity retained by the ice is 34.3 per cent. of organic matter and 21.2 per cent. of inorganic matter. As organic matter is the more objectionable of the two, the case is worse than was formerly supposed.

BLINDERS which prevent a horse from seeing distinctly have probably caused more runaways than most drivers would care to acknowledge, and it has remained for a German inventor to treat the matter on homeopathic principles and make like cure like. He has added to the harness a line which instantly closes the blinders in front, so that the fractious animal can not see at all.

THERE has been a decided stand against wearing crapes for some years past, but the princess of Wales gave it the coup de grace by dispensing with it during her mourning for the late duke of Clarence. Now there is a further protest against the heavy crape worn by widows, and doubtless before another year has come and gone the modification in this direction will be very perceptible.

The swallow nuisance continues with unabated vigor at the naval academy, Annapolis. From 8,000 to 20,000 swallows gather every evening in the five or six maple trees in front of the superintendent's residence and make evening and morning hideous with their cries. All efforts to drive them away have failed, and a bell or drive are kept going at intervals to drive the pests from the two trees next the superintendent's house.

Two Chicago widows made a wager on the election. The one who lost was to propose marriage to some eligible man. The other day Senator Philetus Sawyer, of Wisconsin, was surprised to receive a letter from a Chicago woman proposing to marry him. She told the circumstances that led to the proposal, and was indeed the widow who had banked on Harrison. The venerable senator is said to have been somewhat smitten, but a hard-headed cabinet officer kept him in check.

INQUIRIES are daily reaching congressmen from all sections of the country concerning the manner of distributing the proposed new issue of the war records series. The law provides that these volumes be mailed from the war department upon lists furnished by each senator and representative. Similar inquiries are numerous about a new edition of Col. Kellogg's maps of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga campaigns, now numbering fifteen. These, when issued, will be distributed mainly upon the requests of congressmen.

The average cost of production in the three most prominent silver mines of Colorado is but 25 cents per ounce. Two of them can produce 8,000,000 ounces per annum, and the profit from one last year was \$1,000,000 on an investment of only \$200,000, while at latest accounts it was paying dividends at the rate of \$150,000 per month. The Mollie Gibson mine in Aspen was producing last October at the rate of 2,500,000 ounces per year, and at a cost of only 14 cents per ounce. The Granite Mountain mine in Montana paid in 1899 dividends to the amount of \$2,400,000, and last year paid \$1,400,000.

A NEGRO who assaulted Miss Anderson (white) at Bowling Green, Ky., was taken from jail by a mob and hanged.

AN explosion of dynamite in Long Island City, L. I., killed Mary Garden, Henry O'Brien, Mrs. Rocco, John Hopkins and Nicola Lodano.

THREE dwellings in Ossawatimie, Kan., owned by William Chestnut, caught fire from natural gas and burned four persons to death.

THE Bank of Fairfax, Minn., J. A. Beard, president, and F. A. Gray, cashier, closed its doors and its officers left for parts unknown. Depositors will lose over \$12,000.

In a fight among miners in the San Juan (Col.) mining camp over claims eleven men were killed and many others were wounded.

ANDREW DIEHL, of Columbus, O., aged 72, choked to death on a piece of bread while eating breakfast.

THE African Press association of Georgia has issued an address which recommends, along with other reforms, that the word "negro" be given preference over "colored," and that it be spelled with a capital "N."

THE house of Thomas Griffiths at Leon, Kan., was burned during his absence and his three children perished in the flames.

Mrs. JOHN GRIFFITH, who resides in Cropsey, Ind., presented her husband with three girl babies.

A PARLOR car on the east-bound Lake Erie & Western passenger train blew up near Lima, O., fatally injuring the conductor and a passenger.

ERNEST CRUSE and Andrew Falls, two convicts, died at the penitentiary in Little Rock, Ark., from the effects of the poison taken while at Helena. These deaths swell the number of victims to thirteen.

THE inspectors of the treasury department in Boston have discovered an opium smuggler's rendezvous.

By the breaking of a levee in Sutter county, Cal., over 50,000 acres of the most fertile land in the state were several feet under water, and the damage was estimated at \$1,000,000.

WAYLAND, TRASK & Co., New York stock brokers, failed for \$150,000. Secret speculations of one of the firm caused the suspension.

Mrs. JAMES BUFORD, wife of a prominent politician at Springfield, O., dropped dead from the shock of discovering in a room the dead body of a relative, who had died suddenly.

G. W. POMEROY and C. M. Howe, Brooklyn Center (Minn.) farmers, were struck by a passenger train and killed.

The report of Pension Commissioner Raum shows that twenty widows of soldiers of the revolutionary war of 1775 still live and draw pensions.

The boiler of the saw mill of Duke & Blum at Jaken, Ga., exploded, killing three negroes, James Wilbanks, Guffin Phillips and Joe Smith.

An engine on the Fort Wayne road ran into a crowded street car at the Forty-seventh street crossing in Chicago, killing four persons and injuring eleven others.

J. H. TODD, cashier of the St. Paul & Duluth depot at West Duluth, Minn., left for parts unknown with \$2,000 belonging to the company.

LUDWIG KANN, a prominent dry-goods man at Duluth, Minn., failed for \$150,000.

THREE workmen were fatally injured and five others received serious wounds as the result of a dynamite explosion at Milnesville, Pa.

In a drunken quarrel at Gardnersville, Ky., between John Barnes and his brother-in-law, James Kerr, Mrs. Barnes and the two men were killed.

A. G. WEISSERT, commander in chief of the G. A. R., has issued an order announcing the formation of a national association of ex-army and navy chaplains.

SMUGGLED opium valued at \$12,000 was found at San Francisco in the hold of the steamer Oceanic from Hong Kong.

LEWIS FOX and Adam Gripson, both colored, were hanged by a mob at Huling, La., for murdering Emanuel Bastel, a grocery clerk.

BURGARS broke into the Onondaga penitentiary at Syracuse, N. Y., and got the outer door of the safe open, but could not open the inner door.

MISS MARY E. GARNETT, daughter of the late John W. Garrett, of Baltimore, presented John Hopkins university with \$350,000.

FRANK IVES has sent out an announcement from New York that he is ready to play anybody in the world for any part of \$10,000 at balk line billiards.

EXCHANGES amounting to \$1,000,549.45 were reported by the leading clearing houses in the United States during the seven days ended on the 30th, against \$1,512,361,277 the previous seven days. As compared with the corresponding week of 1891 the increase was 6.4.

Work has commenced again on the monument over the grave of Mary, the mother of Washington, at Fredericksburg, Md.

WHILE men near Tannersville, Pa., were thawing dynamite for blasting purposes four of them, two white and two colored, were instantly killed by an explosion.

A SHANTY on the levee in Kansas City, Kan., was burned and "Mother" Rexy Simmons, its only occupant, an ex-slave over 100 years old, was fatally burned.

FRANK A. RETAN, a young business man at Hudson, Mich., has received \$32,314.65 from the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company for the loss of both of his feet at a street crossing.

A. J. HUDSPETH was executed at Harrison, Ark., for the murder of George Watkins in 1887.

THE receipts from internal revenue for the first five months of the current fiscal year aggregated \$70,045,070, an increase over the corresponding period of last year of \$5,712,870.

PROF. CHARLES A. BRIGGS has been acquitted by the New York presbytery of the charge of heresy.

SAM LEGGETT carried off a box containing \$10,000 in the city of a tree he was cutting down near Denison, Tex. It was undoubtedly secreted during the days of the rebellion.

MARKED men gained entrance to the jail at Greenville, Ala., and took John Lipp and Charles Kelly out and hanged them. They were charged with the killing of Tax Collector Armstrong.

A MERCANTILE agency in New York says that the year 1892 was the most prosperous ever known in business. In New York the excess of merchandise exports has been not far from \$70,000,000, with the largest imports and the largest total of exports and imports ever known in any year.

The aggregate of United States currency, fractional and otherwise, estimated to have been destroyed since 1892 and not likely to be presented for redemption is \$14,000,000.

FLAMES at Evansville, Ind., that started in G. W. Warren's music house, caused a loss of \$100,000.

The year 1892 was remarkable for fewer failures than have occurred in any other year since 1886, the number reported being 10,344, or 2,623 less than in 1891.

The indebtedness of firms failing was but \$114,000,000 in 1892, against \$189,000,000 in 1891 and about the same in 1890. The average liabilities of firms failing in 1892 has been only \$11,000, the lowest average reported since 1878.

By the explosion of a plumber's gas stove in a house at Orange, Mass., caused by placing it on the top of a hot cooking stove, five persons were badly injured.

The discovery was made that the timber on 3,000 acres of school lands in McDonald, Christian and La Cede counties, Mo., had been stolen.

S. V. WHITE, who fifteen months ago failed on the New York board of trade for \$800,000, has settled in full with his creditors.

The Conard steamer Umbria arrived in New York eleven days overdue. The delay was caused by a breakage in the machinery.

JOHN LADD, living at Carpenter, Ala., threatened to kill the family of James Reid, when a young son of Reid seized a shotgun and discharged it full in Ladd's face, blowing both of his eyes out.

A. H. FAIRCHILD, one of the most skillful marine divers in the country, was killed while 35 feet under water by an explosion of dynamite which he was preparing for a blast at a pier in New York.

DURING the year 1892 in this country 3,174 lost their lives by drowning, 445 in cyclones and storms, 1,775 in fires, 790 in explosions, 515 in mines, 365 by lightning and 655 by falling buildings, etc. Total, 7,725.

THE embezzlements of the past year in the United States aggregated \$8,837,547, against \$19,720,294 in 1891 and \$8,622,956 in 1890.

ARCHIBALD BARTLETT was killed and Maggie Kelley fatally injured while on their way to be married at Lexington, Mass., the carriage they were in being struck by a train.

THERE was great excitement at West Liberty, O., over the posting of white cap notices ordering all negroes to leave the valley forthwith. The attempt of a negro to marry a white girl is the cause.

THE sugar crop of the south the past year is estimated at 189,500 tons, which will call upon the United States for \$7,580,000 bounty, against \$6,882,590 paid last year.

GOLDUST, the first 5-year-old stallion to trot a mile in 2:25, died at Louisville, Ky., of old age.

THE number of persons who committed suicide in the United States during the year 1892 is 3,860, against 3,331 last year, 2,649 in 1890 and 2,224 in 1889. The total is much larger than that of any of the eleven preceding years. Of this number 3,055 were males and 805 females.

THE loss of life by railroad disasters in this country for the year 1892 is 4,428, against 3,261 in 1891 and 3,420 in 1890.

THE total fire losses in the United States during the year 1892 was \$150,324,555, against \$106,047,000 in 1891, \$108,412,604 in 1890, \$143,902,070 in 1889, \$100,000,000 in 1888, \$130,000,000 in 1887, and \$115,000,000 in 1886.

ALTHEMER BROTHERS, wholesale and retail dry goods dealers and planters at Pine Bluff, Ark., failed for \$100,000; assets, \$300,000.

A SAWMILL boiler at Oakdale, O., exploded, blowing the building to atoms and killing Frank Smith and Lou F. Miller.

THE total number of murders committed in this country in 1892 was 6,791, as compared with 5,906 last year, 4,290 in 1890 and 3,507 in 1889. The number of legal executions during the year was 107, as compared with 123 in 1891 and 102 in 1890. Judge Lynch executed 236 victims, 231 men and 5 women, an increase over last year of 41.

ON the Great Northern railway near Java, Wash., a snow-plow was wrecked and four trainmen were killed.

KIRKWOOD, MILLER & Co., wholesale dealers in agricultural implements at Peoria, Ill., failed for \$200,000; assets, \$102,000.

CALDWELL & PETERSON's corrugating works at Wheeling, W. Va., were destroyed by fire, the loss being \$100,000.

A STABLE owned by T. E. Moore was burned at Shawhan, Ky., and eight valuable horses perished in the flames.

TWO sons of William Smith, of Dallas, Tex., aged 7 and 8 years respectively, went rabbit hunting and were frozen to death.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

LEADERS of the people's party in session at Indianapolis issued a manifesto denouncing fusion with either dominant party for the election of senators.

LORING PICKERING, senior proprietor of the Morning Call, died in San Francisco, aged 80 years. Mr. Pickering was the oldest pioneer newspaper man on the Pacific coast.

BOB SLAVIN, the comedian, died suddenly in Toledo, O. He was one of the most popular minstrel men in the country.

E. T. INGALLS, father of ex-Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, died in Haverhill, Mass., aged 82 years.

EX-COUNTY COMMISSIONER RECTOR, aged 60 years, and a Mexican war veteran, died at Brazil, Ind.

JUDGE BARTON BATES, ex-judge of the supreme court of Missouri and attorney general in President Lincoln's cabinet, died in St. Louis, aged 69 years.

SENATORS ALLISON, Hale and Morgan, the representatives of the United States at the monetary conference in Brussels, have arrived in Washington.

THREE old residents of Dubuque county, Ia.—N. J. Loes, of Key West, aged 91; James Lynch, of Washington Mills, aged 92, and E. G. French, of Epworth, aged 72—died on the same day.

THE new state officers of Wisconsin were inaugurated, Chief Justice Lyon, of the supreme court, administering the oath.

Gov. FOSTER, of Louisiana, has appointed Donaldson Caffery, of St. Mary's parish, to be senator of the United States to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Gibson, deceased.

HANNIBAL PRICE, minister from Hayti to this country, died from typhoid fever at his home in Brooklyn, aged 51 years.

HENRY P. BALDWIN, who was governor of Michigan from 1868 to 1872, and United States Senator from 1879 to 1882, died at his home in Detroit, aged 76 years.

Rev. J. L. BURROWS, D. D., the leading Baptist divine in the south, died at Augusta, Ga.

FOREIGN.

JOHNNY BOULTER and Emma Shea, aged 19, were drowned while skating at Portsmouth, Ont.

Mrs. McNAB, of Godmanchester, Can., celebrated her 110th birthday. She was in good health and possessed her faculties, except those of hearing and memory.

ANARCHISTS attempted to blow up with dynamite the police office in Paris, but only little damage was done.

The Russian minister of justice has decided to exempt female convicts in Siberia from flogging and wearing manacles and to substitute punishment by restricted diet and isolation.

WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE celebrated his 83d birthday in London. Queen Victoria was among the earliest to congratulate him.

The mail coach between Malwa and Warsaw, in Russia, was robbed of 60,000 rubles.

ADVICES from St. Petersburg and other parts of Russia show that the persecution of the Jews and the inhumanity of the czar's officials toward that race are greater than ever before.

The cholera continues to spread in the north of France.

A CYCLOE passed over Vera Cruz, Mexico, causing great damage to property.

A FLOR to burn up Buenos Ayres was discovered, and a number of policemen and firemen were arrested on the charge of being connected with the conspiracy. Plunder was the object.

THE \$7,000 stolen some time ago from the express office in Sarnia, Ont., was found hidden in an old stovepipe in the express company's barn.

It is stated that 2,500,000 distressed agriculturists in central Russia will be offered inducements to migrate to thinly populated Russian provinces.

THE complete list of casualties in the old world and South America, where the loss of life was serious enough to be reported by telegraph, including those who perished by disease and battle, was 657,217, as compared with 270,675 in 1891 and 20,680 in 1890.

SEVENTEEN Mexicans were slain in a battle with the revolutionists near the Texas border.

LATER.

I. C. MARTINDALE, the well-known scientist who has been connected with many learned societies of the country, died at Camden, N. J., on the 3d.

HANNIBAL PRICE, minister from Hayti to this country, died from typhoid fever at Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 3d. Mr. Price was born in Hayti and was 51 years old. He was appointed minister in 1889 and was the author of several works on finance and political economy.

ADVICES from Halifax say that \$15,000 worth of gold has been smelted from thirty-eight tons of rock taken from the Caribon gold mines near Truro, N. S.

DR. ALEXANDER SHAW, chief of the Colorado horticultural department of the world's fair and one of the board of world's fair managers, died at Denver on the 3d, aged 78 years.

On the 3d a government medical officer arrived at Little Rock, Ark., to look into the recent epidemic at the state prison. His special care was to examine the viscera of the dead for cholera bacteria.

A PROPOSAL is being discussed by the underwriters of Liverpool and London to present Capt. McKay, Engineer Tomlinson and the other officers of the Umbria with a handsome sum of money in recognition of their services in having taken the Umbria into port successfully after the accident to her shaft.

At Little Rock, Ark., Rev. S. H. Buchanan, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister who recently defunct as treasurer of the Arkansas insane asylum, wrote a letter to his church on the 3d, acknowledging his guilt. He says he is short \$5,200, and that he used the money in church work.

The armature (Ind.) Electric Company's works was damaged by fire and water to the extent of \$50,000 to \$75,000 on the night of the 3d.

At London, Tenn., on the night of the 2d a masked mob of fifty men overpowered the sheriff and took Henry Duncan, who was in jail without bail, charged with killing a man named Stephens with an ax, and hanged him to a tree. Duncan was also accused of having killed three more persons.

GEORGE JEFFRIES, a Southern Pacific railway engineer, was arrested on the 2d, charged with the murder of Miss Ayers at Brighton, Cal. Detectives learned that Jeffries, who has a wife and two children in Oakland, was married to Miss Ayers last July under an assumed name. She thought he was unmarried and her discovery of his perjury and her threat to expose him led to her murder.

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Royal Baking Powder
Strongest, Purest, Most Economical.

As to whether any of the baking powders are equal to the "Royal," the official tests clearly determine. When samples of various baking powders were purchased from the grocers, and analyzed by the United States Government Chemists and the Chemists of State and City Boards of Health, the reports revealed the fact that the "Royal" contained from 28 per cent. to 60 per cent. more leavening strength than the others, and also that it was more perfectly combined, absolutely pure, and altogether wholesome.

As most of these powders are sold to consumers at the same price as the "Royal," by the use of the Royal Baking Powder there is an average saving of over one third, besides the advantage of assured purity and wholesomeness of food, and of bread, biscuit and cake made perfectly light, sweet, and palatable.

The official reports also reveal the presence, in other powders, of alum, lime or sulphuric acid, by which their use is made a matter of grave danger to the consumer.

Whenever a baking powder is sold at a lower price than the "Royal," or with a gift, it is a certain indication that it is made from alum, and is to be avoided under all circumstances.



CHANTREY'S GREAT SHOT.

A Sculptor Kills Two Woodcocks at Once and Immortalizes Them in Marble.

The most remarkable shot that is recorded in the annals of sport is that made by Sir Francis Chantrey, the sculptor, November 20, 1829, at Holkham, in Norfolk, England. On that occasion the famous artist while visiting his friend Mr. Coke, of Holkham, brought down two woodcocks at one shot.

The whole shooting world was paralyzed for a time by this feat, and it has been more or less of a wonder ever since. The woodcock, it is hardly necessary to say, is a very difficult bird to shoot even singly. Its flight is rapid and twisting, and it always keeps to trees and bushes, making its detection a difficult matter. So when it was announced that Chantrey had killed two at a shot he was immediately made a hero, and congratulations began to pour on him in great multitudes. The sculptor himself, much elated by his good fortune, decided to erect a monument to the fallen game, of which he should be the designer.

Inscriptions were invited from the men of letters of the day, but in spite of the fact that some very celebrated writers were among the contributors none of their efforts was considered worthy of adoption.

Later in life Sir Francis acknowledged that the shot was a scratch and that he saw but one bird when he aimed. The carved effigy of the woodcocks which he made was a very poor work of art—black and white.

"JENNIE, do you know what a miracle is?" "Yes, ma. Ma says if you don't marry your new pastor it will be a miracle."—Brooklyn Life.

THE MARKETS.

New pastor it will be a miracle."—Brooklyn Life.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 4.

FLOUR—			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red Winter	78 1/2	79 1/2	
No. 1 Northern	81 1/2	82 1/2	
CORN—No. 2	40 1/2	41 1/2	
OATS—Mixed Western	36 1/2	37 1/2	
RYE—Western	54	55	
BARLEY—Western	18 1/2	19 1/2	
LARD—Prime Western	19 1/2	20 1/2	
BUTTER—Western	17 1/2	18 1/2	
CHEESE—Western	22 1/2	23 1/2	
EGGS—Western	23 1/2	24 1/2	
CATTLE—			
SHEEP—			
HOGS—			

CLEVELAND.

FLOUR—Country XX White	3 1/2	4 1/2	
Minnesota patents.	4 1/2	4 3/4	
Amber	3 3/4	3 3/4	
WHEAT—No. 2	71 1/2	72 1/2	
CORN—No. 2	40 1/2	41 1/2	
OATS—No. 2	36 1/2	37 1/2	
BUTTER—Choice	21	22	
CHEESE—Fool State	11 1/2	11 3/4	
Ohio	8 1/2	8 1/2	
EGGS	2 1/2	2 1/2	
CATTLE—			
SHEEP—			
HOGS—			

POTATOES—In bulk, per bush	2 1/2	2 3/4	
SEEDS—Timothy	8 1/2	8 1/2	
Clover	8 1/2	8 1/2	
HAY—Baled	9 1/2	13 1/2	
Bulk on market	12 1/2	16 1/2	
CATTLE—			
SHEEP—			
HOGS—			

CINCINNATI.

FLOUR—			
WHEAT—	69 1/2	70	
CORN	40 1/2	41	
OATS	35 1/2	35	
RYE—No. 2	54 1/2	55	
BARLEY—No. 2	18 1/2	19	
LARD—Common and light	5 90	6 90	

TOO SMART.
An Atlanta beggar burned his arm in order that he might win public sympathy. He overdid the matter and the sequence was that the doctor had to amputate the injured member in order to save his life.

This is akin to the foolishness of people who are in too great a hurry to take care of their health. They catch cold and neglect it, thinking that doesn't amount to much and that it will take care of itself.

More people go down to the graves every year under this delusion than from any other.

When you take cold do not neglect it, but attend to it at once. It is not getting that you can trifle with.

That a bottle of Reid's German Cure and Kidney Cure and take it freely.

It contains no poison and is entirely free from all deleterious substances. You can give it to the weakest infant without danger, while it is the best thing in the world for colds and croup.

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